



I-17 Alternatives Study
Public Meeting Handout
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Welcome!

Thank you for exploring with us the concept of an alternative route to Interstate 17 between Phoenix and Flagstaff.

Display Materials

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)—lists TAC members and their affiliations. The TAC provides advice to the study team.

Draft Purpose and Need—describes why this study is needed. We are seeking your input on this statement.

Schedule—depicts the schedule for this preliminary study. At the end of this study, ADOT will make a recommendation to the State Transportation Board on whether the issue should be studied further.

Major Environmental and Physical Factors—shows areas that need to be considered in looking at transportation options in the study area.

Land Ownership—depicts ownership status of land in the study area.

Average Daily Traffic—indicates the average number of vehicles that currently travel I-17 each day.

Potential Corridors—shows very preliminary ideas that the study team has generated while brainstorming, just to provide a discussion starter. **We want your input on this display ... copies that are spread out on tables with markers for you to use. Give us your ideas!**

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Project Purpose and Need

Purpose:

- Evaluate the feasibility of providing alternate routes to I-17 that would meet future corridor travel demand requirements, enhance operational and safety conditions, and improve overall reliability of the corridor

Need:

- Travel demand will continue to increase with Arizona's rapid growth in population, employment and business activity
- Travel demand on I-17 currently exceeds capacity south of the Anthem community, resulting in congestion and travel delays
- Capacity will be exceeded elsewhere along I-17 as growth continues
- Mountainous terrain and high truck volumes currently cause substantial delays from trucks slowing on grades
- As traffic volumes and associated congestion levels increase, both the number of crashes and the crash rates on I-17 are likely to increase
- Delays associated with congestion and operational conditions degrade the day to day reliability of travel on I-17
- Crashes often close I-17 resulting in long, unpredictable travel delays
- No practical alternates exist for I-17 traffic between Flagstaff and Phoenix
- Travel delays and unreliability impose significant economic and quality of life costs on businesses, commuters and recreational travelers
- Travel delays and unreliability disrupt other transportation modes such as airport, bus and train connections, and degrade response times for emergency service providers

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Your written comments are most valuable at this early stage.

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